

Mental Patient Data for Fiscal Year 1956

ON THE BASIS of summary data submitted to the National Institute of Mental Health of the Public Health Service by the various State and county mental hospital systems for fiscal year 1956, all categories show increases over the year 1955 except resident patients at the end of the year. This category shows a decrease on a national level for the second time in the history of the collection of such data. On the first such occasion, in 1943, there was a decrease of 0.3 percent.

Item	1955	1956	Percentage increase
First admissions--	122,394	126,510	3.4
Readmissions-----	55,626	59,521	7.0
Discharges-----	119,146	134,702	13.1
Deaths in hospital--	44,400	48,478	9.2
Resident patients at end of year--	559,281	552,186	-1.3
Personnel employed full time at end of year--	145,462	152,439	4.8
Maintenance expenditures:			
Total-----	\$618,229,797	\$662,146,372	7.1
Per patient---	\$1,112.84	\$1,190.32	7.0

Figures shown for 1955 will not agree with those in the comparable report for 1955 (*Public Health Reports*, March 1956, pp. 214-215) since they are based chiefly on data submitted for the 1955 annual census of mental patients and, with the exception of two States, do not represent estimates.

Public mental hospitals were asked, on recommendation of mental hospital statisticians in their fifth annual conference, May 1955, to provide certain basic figures after the close of each year: first admissions, read-

missions, total discharges from the hospitals, and deaths in the hospitals during the year; average daily resident population; resident patients and total personnel employed full time at the end of the year; and total maintenance expenditures for patients (*Public Health Reports*, September 1955, pp. 905-909).

The National Institute of Mental Health made this survey in August 1956. It was realized that final and complete data might not be available because of variation in reporting procedures and fiscal year ending dates. Therefore, the hospitals were requested, if the answers to any or all of the items were unknown at the time of the survey, to enter their best estimates.

Reporting is complete for all hospitals queried. However, one county hospital in Tennessee could not supply financial data. The National Institute of Mental Health estimated maintenance expense for this hospital by applying the per patient maintenance expenditure for 1955 to the average daily number of resident patients reported for 1956. No other estimates were made by the institute.

It is interesting to note that in 1955, even though the survey was conducted one month later than in 1956, nine States were unable to report complete data whereas complete reporting was obtained for 1956. The estimates published for the 1955 survey compare closely with the final data for 1955 presented in the table. The percentage error in the estimates for each category follows: first admissions +1.1 percent; readmissions, -0.8 percent; discharges, -0.5 percent; deaths, +0.2 percent; resident patients, +0.2 percent; personnel, -0.3 percent; total maintenance expenditures, +0.7 percent and per patient expenditures +0.6 percent. In view of these small differences and the fact that all data for 1956 were supplied by the States, it is likely that these 1956 data are very close approximations to the final figures which will be available at a later date.

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**Movement and administrative data for public mental hospitals: United States and each State,
fiscal year 1956**

State	First admissions	Readmissions	Discharges	Deaths in hospital	Resident patients end of year	Average daily resident patient population	Total full-time personnel, end of year	Maintenance expenditures	
								Total	Per patient ¹
Totals.....	126, 510	59, 521	134, 702	48, 478	552, 186	556, 276	152, 439	\$662, 146, 372	\$1, 190. 32
Alabama.....	1, 581	713	1, 581	438	7, 277	7, 320	1, 342	5, 693, 330	777. 78
Arizona.....	748	314	962	151	1, 639	1, 670	495	2, 202, 551	1, 318. 89
Arkansas.....	1, 400	741	1, 713	364	4, 958	4, 957	1, 368	4, 703, 446	948. 85
California.....	12, 354	5, 915	15, 031	2, 800	37, 390	37, 002	10, 081	51, 389, 599	1, 388. 83
Colorado.....	1, 638	382	1, 384	605	5, 628	5, 696	1, 950	7, 861, 325	1, 380. 15
Connecticut.....	2, 333	1, 863	4, 125	1, 035	8, 535	8, 668	3, 178	14, 983, 055	1, 728. 55
Delaware.....	654	329	841	216	1, 706	1, 733	699	2, 581, 394	1, 489. 55
Dist. of Columbia.....	1, 055	272	884	600	6, 896	7, 120	2, 734	14, 327, 083	2, 012. 23
Florida.....	1, 481	403	1, 093	556	8, 069	8, 035	2, 163	7, 438, 657	925. 78
Georgia.....	2, 678	705	2, 399	934	11, 844	11, 738	1, 991	11, 956, 268	1, 018. 59
Idaho.....	652	374	820	149	1, 188	1, 227	339	1, 422, 849	1, 159. 62
Illinois.....	8, 465	6, 150	10, 493	3, 822	37, 885	38, 176	8, 983	41, 161, 600	1, 078. 21
Indiana.....	2, 609	1, 171	2, 570	939	10, 890	10, 996	3, 905	15, 410, 584	1, 401. 47
Iowa.....	1, 573	1, 304	2, 447	688	5, 039	5, 169	1, 857	6, 873, 078	1, 329. 67
Kansas.....	1, 195	503	1, 438	279	4, 394	4, 427	2, 170	7, 430, 543	1, 678. 46
Kentucky.....	1, 482	1, 248	2, 144	734	7, 272	7, 490	1, 610	5, 661, 448	755. 87
Louisiana.....	2, 204	695	2, 418	450	8, 270	8, 262	1, 992	6, 268, 343	758. 70
Maine.....	621	287	589	264	2, 981	3, 004	876	3, 424, 602	1, 140. 01
Maryland.....	3, 124	1, 165	3, 228	767	9, 688	9, 669	2, 901	12, 196, 749	1, 261. 43
Massachusetts.....	6, 044	1, 809	6, 514	2, 195	22, 202	22, 849	7, 093	31, 933, 633	1, 397. 59
Michigan.....	3, 333	1, 621	2, 869	1, 561	21, 482	21, 860	6, 584	34, 571, 518	1, 581. 50
Minnesota.....	2, 529	2, 118	3, 518	1, 130	11, 356	11, 430	2, 901	12, 573, 653	1, 100. 06
Mississippi.....	1, 749	1, 069	2, 456	422	5, 356	5, 228	1, 409	3, 900, 771	746. 13
Missouri.....	1, 327	535	1, 348	711	11, 753	11, 912	3, 167	12, 341, 466	1, 036. 05
Montana.....	682	234	674	214	1, 860	1, 905	516	2, 138, 411	1, 122. 53
Nebraska.....	1, 102	628	1, 357	448	4, 756	4, 741	2, 073	6, 571, 342	1, 386. 07
Nevada.....	196	35	211	30	439	446	91	536, 814	1, 203. 62
New Hampshire.....	681	247	674	313	2, 600	2, 667	901	3, 726, 568	1, 397. 29
New Jersey.....	5, 519	2, 240	5, 364	2, 548	21, 991	22, 013	7, 474	31, 216, 016	1, 418. 07
New Mexico.....	433	87	280	103	969	997	427	1, 582, 646	1, 587. 41
New York.....	16, 108	5, 778	11, 122	8, 661	96, 212	96, 768	25, 674	121, 677, 784	1, 257. 42
North Carolina.....	2, 341	1, 213	2, 992	518	9, 794	9, 890	2, 825	10, 583, 939	1, 070. 17
North Dakota.....	635	271	686	159	1, 886	1, 923	518	2, 025, 722	1, 053. 42
Ohio.....	7, 480	3, 367	8, 408	2, 326	28, 057	28, 344	7, 834	33, 347, 711	1, 176. 54
Oklahoma.....	1, 371	888	1, 541	577	7, 835	7, 897	2, 080	7, 110, 393	900. 39
Oregon.....	1, 971	1, 039	2, 072	540	4, 980	4, 956	1, 409	5, 341, 377	1, 077. 76
Pennsylvania.....	5, 119	2, 115	3, 923	3, 308	39, 947	40, 405	11, 275	45, 182, 617	1, 118. 24
Rhode Island.....	952	539	985	451	3, 402	3, 414	844	3, 304, 549	967. 94
South Carolina.....	1, 781	562	1, 736	455	6, 199	6, 113	1, 381	5, 007, 600	819. 17
South Dakota.....	508	242	571	169	1, 613	1, 604	451	1, 899, 501	1, 184. 23
Tennessee.....	2, 103	1, 200	2, 805	613	8, 170	8, 303	1, 311	5, 569, 175	670. 74
Texas.....	4, 532	1, 868	5, 711	1, 239	15, 937	16, 150	3, 180	12, 215, 711	756. 39
Utah.....	340	112	229	109	1, 280	1, 303	430	1, 156, 319	887. 43
Vermont.....	387	170	438	147	1, 234	1, 281	337	1, 516, 693	1, 183. 99
Virginia.....	2, 301	1, 528	3, 005	1, 024	11, 037	11, 134	2, 540	10, 698, 331	960. 87
Washington.....	1, 418	910	1, 751	642	7, 152	7, 217	2, 232	8, 166, 238	1, 131. 53
West Virginia.....	1, 877	979	1, 880	492	5, 404	5, 486	1, 045	3, 794, 642	691. 70
Wisconsin.....	3, 675	1, 485	3, 225	1, 507	15, 084	15, 029	3, 643	18, 668, 582	1, 242. 17
Wyoming.....	169	98	197	75	650	652	160	800, 146	1, 227. 22

¹ Per patient maintenance expenditure was computed by dividing total maintenance expenditure by the average daily resident patient population in each State.

NOTE: These data are provisional and subject to change. Public hospitals include the State and county hospitals for mental disease and the psychopathic hospitals.